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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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	Examiner Peggy A. Neils	Art Unit 2875	

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-6 is/are pending in the application.
 - 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-6 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)	4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)	Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
3) <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____.	5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
	6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1, 2 and 5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Ter-Organesian.

Ter-Organesian shows a vehicle lamp, which includes a base 12 including a reflector 18 with a plurality of particles 36 provided thereon and a center protrusion 26 for reflecting light from a ring of light emitting diodes (LEDs) spaced around the open end of the reflector. A light-transmitting member 14 is positioned over the open end of the base 12.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 3 and 6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ter-Organesian.

Ter-Organesian shows a protrusion 26 at the center of the reflector 18. Ter-Organesian states that while a conical protuberance is shown in figure 1, it is contemplated that other configurations could be used (see paragraph 0019). It is obviously within the scope of the invention taught by Ter-Organesian the other shapes could be used for the protrusion including an oval or arcuate surface depending on the desired reflection pattern.

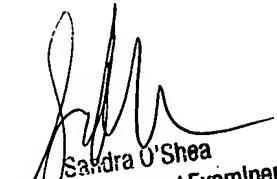
Claim 4 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ter-Organesian in view of English et al.

Ter-Organesian teaches using either red or amber LEDs in the vehicle light assembly (see paragraph 0024). English et al teaches that it is known in the art to use multiple colored LEDs in a vehicle lamp with the LEDs mounted above the reflector and directing light to the reflector surface to emit light through a light-transmitting member 82 (see paragraph 0021). It would be obvious to one skilled in the art that Ter-Organesian could be modified to vary the light emitting characteristics of the light assembly in the same manner as taught by English et al because both lighting devices are using LEDs and different colored lights would provide more uses for the lamp assembly.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Coushaine, Erber and Ter-Hovhannessian are cited of interest. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications should be directed to Examiner Neils at (571) 272-2377 on a Monday or Thursday. If attempts to

reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Sandra O'Shea can be reached on (571) 272-2378.



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